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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We are in midst of major restructuring and creating space at our home  
office for better working and better management of this digital weekly  
and Stamps of India Group of web sites.

We have already spent a month on it and it may take another month to  
finish. During this time our response to your emails as well as the  
inclusion of news that you have sent may get delayed by an issue or two.

Kindly bear with us till end November when we hope to be working swifter  
and smarter.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW HEAD OF INDIA POST

Dr U Srinivasa Raghvaan, an officer of India Postal Service 1969 batch, took charge as Secretary (Posts) to the Government of India in the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology on November 1, 2005 from R Ganesan who superannuated. He will also be the ex-officio Chairman of Postal Services Board and the Director General of India Post.

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PAKISTAN ISSUES STAMPS FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Pakistan Post issued stamp sheets of Rs 100 and Rs 25 on October 27, 2005 in order to help promote the cause of relief and rehabilitation activities in the earthquake affected areas.

Addressing a news conference at the capital Islamabad, Minister for Communication Shamim Ahmed Siddiqui said "Stamps worth Rs 32 out of stamp sheets of Rs 100 will be able to use and 68 rupees will be deposited in the President Relief Fund aimed at rehabilitation and reconstruction of the earthquake-hit areas of NWFP and AJK".

Minister said that as many as 0.6 million stamp sheets having a total value of 45 million rupees had been issued in the first phase for the relief of the earthquake victims and the more would be released in the second phase after the response of the public.

Responding to the query regarding the post offices in the quake-hit areas of the NWFP and AJK, he said that as many as 48 post offices had been totally collapsed during the earthquake and the mailing system in the areas was not working. He said that post offices in areas of Balakot, Naran, Bagh were badly damaged and still the post system was not working in these areas due to disconnecting of road links and Rs 77 million would be needed to rebuild the buildings of the post offices." However, temporary post offices will be set up in these areas as the road links restore," he added.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Nov 14: Children's Day  
Nov 14: Children's Film Society

These issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, shall be available on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Counters in the country.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2005stamps.htm>

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POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATE

New Arrivals:

Oct 31: Post Card with advertisement, in Kannada, xxxxx, 1 million, Security Printing Press Hyderabad

For an illustrated list of Post Card in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2005PC.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Oct 27: New Delhi, South Delhi's Philatelic Festival

Oct 31: Jaipur, India Sri Lanka One Day International Cricket Match

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and covers in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005pm.htm>

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CRICKET STAMPS DISPLAY AT THE MATCH

Arvind Jain from Bhilwara and Rajesh Paharia from Jaipur, both members of the Philatelic Society of Rajasthan (PSR), displayed their collections on Cricket at Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur on the venue of the India Sri Lanka One Day International Cricket Match on October 31, 2005.

Many Celebrities saw the exhibition and few also wrote down their comments about Stamps on Cricket. Former President of the Board of Cricket Control in India, I S Bindra invited PSR to Exhibit this collection in forthcoming Matches also. Cricket Club of India Mumbai's President Rajsingh Dungarpur invited to display this collection at their club.

Maharaja Gajsinghji of Jodhpur released the special cover in the presence of Rajsingh Dungarpur, Hanuwant Singh, Rajasthan Cricket Association President Lalit Modi, Director Postal Services Sarita Singh, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices Jaipur City Aman Sharma, Philatelic Society of Rajasthan (PSR) Vice President P M Bhargava, PSR General Secretary Rajesh Paharia, and PSR Members Arvind Jain and Aditya Dalmia.

Captain of Indian Cricket Team Rahul Dravid appreciated Special Cover Design and wrote down his compliments on Cover itself.

Cricketer Arun lal said that he has also collected stamps in his childhood.

Ace Model Diana Haden and Rajeev Khanna gave poses to press in front of Stamp Frames.

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Nov 7-8: Trivandrum, TRIPEX District level

Venue: Bhagyamala Auditorium, Chandraskharan Nair Stadium Complex

Nov 7-8: Jalandhar, Vajra Philex 2005 by Army Postal Service

Venue: Mall Road, Jalandhar Cantt

Nov 12-23: Jeypore, KORPEX Koraput District level

Nov 13-14: Ludhiana, LUPLEX

Venue: Lions Bhawan, Udham Singh Nagar

Contact: Dr S K Sondhi [sksondhil@sify.com](mailto:sksondhil@sify.com) 0 9815657647

Nov 17-19: New Delhi, Delhi East District level  
Venue: Arwachin Bharti Bhavan Senior Secondary School, Vivek Vihar  
Contact: Pulak Gupta 098680 92984

Nov: Muzaffarpur, district level

Nov 25-27: Jamshedpur, TATAPEX district level REVISED DATES  
Venue: Tulsi Bhawan, Bistupur  
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Dec: Jammu, Army Postal Service

Dec: Puri, district level

Dec 15-16: Kolkata, Dealers Bourse  
Venue: Swarbhumi The Hermitage Plaza  
Contact: Kalyan Negal [knegal@vsnl.net](mailto:knegal@vsnl.net), Arun Bhattacharya 0 98304 12286

Dec 17-19: Kolkata, State Level, NEW DATES  
Venue: Rangmunch, Swarbhumi The Hermitage Plaza  
Contact: Madhukar Deogawanka, 0 98311 51219

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Jan 14-15: Chandigarh, district level

Jan: Sambalpur, district level

Jan: Kolkata, Army Postal Service

Feb: Hyderabad, Army Postal Service

Mar: Kamptee, Army Postal Service

For a list of exhibitions in 2005, please visit  
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#### MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

#### INDIA POST & GREETING CARDS

India Post has tied up with private greeting card companies to put up their stalls at over 100 post offices across the states of Maharashtra and Goa ahead of the Diwali festival.

Started in the states of Maharashtra and Goa as an experiment, India Post aims to come up with similar initiatives during other festivals in all the states of the country.

Reading between lines this perhaps indicates that India Post has abandoned their own greeting cards program launched on September 6, 2000.

#### BHUTAN NEW ISSUES

Aug 24: Pope John Paul II, 15 NU, Sheet of 9 stamps

Aug 24: Rotary International 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Souvenir Sheet 85 NU

Aug 24: World Cup Soccer First World Cup 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Sheet of three stamps, 40 NU each, and Souvenir Sheet 85 NU

2005: Steam Locomotives 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Sheet of 4 se-tenant stamps, 30 NU each, and Souvenir Sheet 85 NU

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THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for November 2005 has been updated and is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E. Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website www.cwiakala.com.

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DAMERA VENKATA RAO

I am a regular reader of your weekly magazine. At present I am in USA and I am fortunate to attend Postage Stamp Mega Event held at Madison Square Garden, New York from October 20 to 23, 2005 attended by collectors, dealers and by USPS. I am proud to inform that nearly half of the exhibits are of India. I am fortunate to see Scinde Dawks, stamps of 1854 issued by East India Company, and Indian stamps used abroad. There are also exhibits of used Indian stamp papers. There are also dealers selling Indian pre-independence stamps.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

Indian Laws Relevant to Philately  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

Isle of Man issued a set of six stamps on October 21, 2005 to coincide with the release of the latest movie Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. The stamps feature the boy wizard, his friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, as well as the Triwizard Cup and the Hungarian Horntail dragon. Harry Potter first appeared on the Isle of Man stamps in 2004 with the launch of the Prisoner of Azkaban blockbuster movie.

Chunghwa Post, Taiwan will be issuing two souvenir stamp sheets, one each on Triwizard Tournament and Magical Creatures, November 18, 2005 to coincide with the day of release of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.

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NEWSSCAN

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

The Hindu, October 30, 2005

DO OUR STAMPS EVOKE NATIONALISM? By ANDREW WYATT

<http://www.hindu.com/mag/2005/10/30/stories/2005103000100100.htm>

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